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SUBJECT: CHINESE SEIZURE OF ROK FISHING VESSEL

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1. AT THIS TIME WE PREFER NOT TO APPROACH CHINESE ON BEHALF OF SEIZED ROK FISHERMAN AND WISH TO AWAIT RESULTS OF WHATEVER REPRESENTATIONS MAY BE MADE BY BRITISH OR OTHERS.

2. WE HAVE NOTED FROM ROK PRESS CERTAIN INCONSISTENCIES IN REPORTING OF SEIZURE AND WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION. ACCORDING TO KOREA HERALD, CHINESE
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SEIZED UNPA NO. 3 AND REMAINING SEVEN CREWMEMBERS MORE THAN 12 HOURS AFTER VESSEL'S CAPTAIN WAS ABDUCTED, AND HERALD EDITORIAL OF JUNE 11 ALLEGES TWO VESSELS "TAKEN BY FORCE" IN PAST MONTH.

3. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPORT OF ATMOSPHERE IN AREAS WHERE ROK AND PRC VESSELS ARE COMPETITIVELY ENGAGED IN

FISHERY ACTIVITY, ROKG CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE SEIZURES, AND AS MUCH INFORMATION ON LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF SEIZURE OR CONFLICT AS MAY BE AVAILABLE. WHAT KIND OF FISHING WERE THE KOREANS ENGAGED IN? DID IT INVOLVE DRAGGING OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF? WHAT DO THE KOREANS SPECULATE MIGHT HAVE CAUSED PRC SEIZURE?

4. CHINESE SEIZURES OF ROK VESSELS IN EAST CHINA SEA MAY BE RELATED TO JUNE 11, 1976 NCNA STATEMENT COMPLAINING ABOUT ROK FISHING IN FORBIDDEN ZONES, RECKLESS SAILING AND INTERFERENCE WITH CHINESE FISHERMEN. CHRISTOPHER

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